

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3841 - HB 3635

January 26, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the maximum fine for contempt of court from \$50 to \$100.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

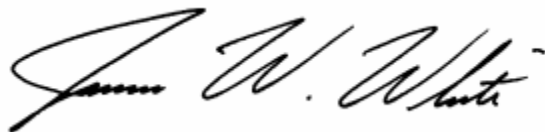
Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- There will not be a sufficient number of additional fines for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue.
- State constitutional right to jury trial for fines in excess of \$50 does not apply in contempt cases. *Cf. Ahern (Pierotti) v. Ahern*, 15 S.W.3d 73 (Tenn. 2000) (criminal contempt is punishable as an inherent necessary power of the court and there is no right to a contempt charge).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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